

## Who Are We?

Faith Partners for Housing is an interfaith coalition formed in 2015 to encourage and assist the faith community to explore and implement strategies in their own congregations, or in cooperation with one another, to alleviate the severe shortage of safe and affordable housing. It is an effort to address one primary cause of homelessness---the shortage of affordable housing. Studies show that Clark County needs between 3,000 and 6,000 living units to close the gap. Housing stability is needed for our most vulnerable neighbors, especially seniors on a fixed income, families who are low income and singles/families who are homeless.

## Our Mission

To mobilize people and resources in the faith community to prevent and reduce homelessness by expanding affordable housing in Clark County, WA.

## Faith Organizations Currently Attending Faith Partners for Housing Meetings

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Bethel-Highland Lutheran Church, Camas Friends Church, Fircrest Neighborhood Assoc., First Presbyterian Church, Friends of the Carpenter, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Memorial Lutheran Church, Orchards United Methodist Church, Outsiders Inn, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, St. Luke Episcopal Church, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Thomas Catholic Church, Camas, Vancouver First United Methodist Church, St Vincent de Paul, St. John the Evangelist Conference.

### For More Information

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### To Become a Partner

Return the completed, signed Supporting Partnership Agreement to Faith Partners for Housing,

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## A HOME FOR EVERYONE





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## Programs




-  Faith Partners for Housing has developed a slide presentation to help congregations understand the changing character of homelessness. Did you know that an increasing number of working families are homeless because rents have risen so rapidly their income can no longer cover rent and family essentials? An increasing number of seniors are homeless because their limited income cannot cover excessive rents.
-  Faith Partners for Housing advocates for programs that will ease the affordable housing shortage, such as the Vancouver City Affordable Housing Fund enacted in 2016.
-  Faith Partners for Housing are encouraging faith organizations to devote property they may own to affordable housing. Several churches in Clark Co. are exploring how to develop affordable apartments on their property or to convert existing buildings to low cost housing.
-  Faith Partners for Housing is developing a Shared Housing Program for Clark County. It would allow those with extra space in their homes to open them up to renters in need of stable housing. The program would

do matching, have safeguards for renters and for landlords, have agreements for the parties to sign and have services available to help work through any problems that may arise. Once in place, congregations could find great benefits for members who may wish to rent a room for the added income and for members being priced out of their homes.

## As a Supporting Partner

-  Your church, synagogue, mosque, faith group becomes part of a strong voice to advocate for programs at the state, county and city level that will alleviate the crisis surrounding the short supply of affordable housing.
-  Access to speakers/educational programs that will enhance understanding of homelessness, risk factors and differing ways a congregation can act to mitigate the problem.
-  Support for affordable housing efforts your congregation may wish to explore.
-  Access to a formal Shared Housing Program, when it is set in place, that would be of direct benefit to members in your congregation are at risk of losing their home or apartment.

## What is Expected of a Supporting Partner?

-  Allow your name/logo to appear on materials published by Faith Partners for Housing.
-  Provide a liaison who will attend meetings held each 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10 am to 12 pm to share information with your congregation.
-  Recruit volunteers for Faith Partners for Housing events and activities.
-  Provide a link to the Faith Partners for Housing website.
-  Promote Faith Partners for Housing events such as Conferences, Advocacy, Fundraising.
-  Make a financial commitment.